Planting Guide for your native pollinator garden

Use the arrangement below to have a continuous garden - spring, summer, & fall

6'

3'

narrow-leaved coneflower
PETER BERTHELSEN

common yarrow
MAX LICHER

purple prairie clover
STACY SIMANONOK

stiff-leaved goldenrod
ELIZZABETH KAUFMAN

swamp milkweed
PETER BERTHELSEN

Maximilian sunflower
MATT LAVIN

blanket flower
STACY SIMANONOK

dotted blazing star
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large beardtongue
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BLOOM SEASON

Spring
Summer
Fall

For best results, use multiple plants of each species.

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1 Identify your garden spot:

- ✓ Find a 3' x 6' plot that gets 6+ hours of sun.
- ✓ Have a larger area? Include more choices and clump the same species together.
- ✓ Remove or smother existing lawn or vegetation.
- ✓ Enhance hard-packed soil with organic compost.

2 Buy plants at a local native plant nursery, if possible.

3 Plant!

- ✓ Arrange plants with different seasonal blooms in your plot.
- ✓ Dig holes twice as large as each plant's pot.
- ✓ Remove the plant from the pot, loosen the roots, place it in the hole, backfill, tamp soil, and water.
- ✓ Mulch plot to depth < 1 inch, keeping mulch away from stems and avoid using hardwood chips and shreds.
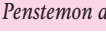
4 Maintain your garden:

- ✓ Water to keep moist throughout the first two weeks, then as needed or when plants droop.
- ✓ Weed as needed.
- ✓ Avoid using insecticides, herbicides, or fungicides.
- ✓ Be patient - your garden may take a few years to fully establish and fill in!

Add your garden: www.millionpollinatorgardens.org

BLOOM SEASON | NATIVE PLANT OPTIONS

*Your state's native plant society can recommend additional locally appropriate native species in the genus below. See **North American Pollinator Protection Campaign Ecoregional Planting Guides** for additional information: www.pollinator.org/guides.

SEASON	FIRST OPTION	SECOND OPTION
Spring BLANKET FLOWER	large beardtongue *Penstemon grandiflorus*	white penstemon *Penstemon albidus*
	blanket flower *Gaillardia spp.**	upright prairie coneflower *Ratibida columnifera*
	common yarrow *Achillea millefolium*	golden alexanders *Zizia aurea*
Summer PRAIRIE CLOVER	swamp milkweed *Asclepias incarnata*	blue vervain *Verbena hastata*
	purple prairie clover *Dalea purpurea*	wild bergamot *Monarda fistulosa*
	narrow-leaved coneflower *Echinacea angustifolia*	American germander *Teucrium canadense*
Fall DOTTED BLAZING STAR	stiff-leaved goldenrod *Solidago rigida*	white heath aster *Symphyotrichum ericoides*
	stiff sunflower *Helianthus pauciflorus*	Maximilian sunflower *Helianthus maximiliani*
	dotted blazing star *Liatris punctata*	tall blazing star *Liatris aspera*

○ *color dots above indicate bloom color*
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